



Miami-Dade County

Minutes

Commission on Disability Issues (CODI)

Stephen P. Clark Center (SPCC)

111 N.W. 1st Street, Miami, Florida 33128

18th Floor, Conference Room 18-4

	Date:	Wednesday, July 25, 2012	
	Time:	1:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	
	Call to Order Time:	1:48 p.m. est.	
	Meeting Adjourned:	4:05 p.m. est.	
I.	<u>Opening and Attendance:</u> Attendance recorded. Call to Order. Copies of documents were distributed		
	District 1 Commissioner Jordan	John Miller 1 st Vice Chair	Present
	District 2 Commissioner Monestime	Jackson David Access Committee Chair	Present
	District 3 Commissioner Edmonson	Jose Granda	Present
	District 4 Commissioner Heyman	Earl Oaks Employment Committee Chair	Excused Absence
	District 5 Commissioner Barreiro	Jose (Ernie) Martinez Chairman	Present
	District 6 Commissioner Sosa	Pedro Rodriguez Housing Committee Chair	Excused Absence
	District 7 Commissioner Suarez	Harry Horgan Outreach/Education Chair	Present
	District 8 Commissioner Bell	Jesus Garcia Secretary Transportation Committee Chair	Excused Absence
	District 9 Commissioner Moss	Ronald Fulton 2 nd Vice Chair	Present
	District 10 Commissioner Souto	Dr. Sam Kohlenber Membership Committee Chair	Present
	District 11 Commissioner Martinez	Denise Valkema	Present
	District 12 Commissioner Diaz	Marilyn Larrieu Housing Committee Chair	Present
	District 13 Commission Bovo	Alan Rigerman	Present
	Miami-Dade County Staff Present	Dianne Steinberg , ISD, Administrative Business Services Division, Recording Secretary Heidi Johnson-Wright ISD, ADA Coordinator	Present

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		Julio Martinez ADA Coordinator, Public Works and Solid Waste Rick Glasgow , Manager, Housing and Community Development	
I.	Approval of Agenda:	CODI Chairman, Ernie Martinez made a motion to approve the 7/25/12 Agenda. The Motion was made by Denise Valkema, and was seconded by John Miller. Motion passed. Alan Rigerman asked that the CODI Minutes reflect he had work related excused absence for the June 2012 CODI meeting.	
II.	Approval of CODI Minutes:	The Chairman made a motion to have the minutes from the 6/27/12 CODI meeting approved. Denise Valkema requested that the minutes be pasted into the body of emails in addition to being in an attachment. Motion was made by John Miller for approval of the 6/27/12 minutes to be taken up at the next meeting in order to allow sufficient time to review them. Ron Fulton seconded the motion. Motion passed.	
III.	Opening Comments:	<i>3 minutes each speaker (Advance Notice Preferred)</i> <i>No public comments at this time</i> a) Alan Rigerman stated that the Town of Miami Lakes has settled his lawsuit regarding bicycles and motorized wheelchairs safely utilizing sidewalks. The Town has agreed to mediate this issue with Mr. Rigerman. He will also be meeting with the CEO of the Shula Hotel to discuss ADA compliance at the hotel and movie theaters in the area. The Shula Hotel attorney advised that a previous settlement made by the hotel does not allow for any additional lawsuits. A discussion ensued regarding the issue of stickers with the International Symbol of Accessibility (ISA) being placed on the baby carriage parking signs. John Miller and Jackson David established that CODI previously supported the initiative and the CODI Access Committee has voted to send out a letter with recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC). A motion was made: John Miller, CODI Vice-Chair will write a letter to the County Commissioners to place an ISA Sticker on all Baby Carriage Parking Signs in Miami-Dade County. The letter is to be finalized in the CODI Access Committee. Motion passed unanimously. John Miller advised that an update is needed to the CODI website, including CODI member contact information. The CODI minutes from July forward are also yet to be posted on the website. He said the website should reflect the work CODI is responsible for and how the Board deals with ongoing issues. Jackson David requested a date for completion of the website update. John Miller requested that we accelerate placement of contact information and placing the minutes on the CODI website. Ms. Johnson-Wright confirmed that the ADA Office is working with IT and the CODI website is in the process of being updated. She noted that some of the delay is attributable to the County reorganization. Ms. Johnson-Wright added that some department directors have yet to respond as to who their departmental ADA	

		<p>Coordinators are, post-reorganization.</p> <p>A motion was requested by Chairman Martinez: The motion stated the CODI Board receives a status report on a date for completion of the website within a week. Harry Horgan made the motion, which was seconded by Jackson David. Motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>Ms. Johnson-Wright stated that she will be coordinating the website update with the MDC IT staff.</p> <p>On another topic, she requested that each CODI Committee Chair notify her towards the end of the calendar month about the following month's meetings, including date, time, agenda items, which County staff should be invited and what they are expected to discuss at the meeting.</p> <p>A motion was made by Ron Fulton: That the CODI Meeting sign-in sheet includes a column for attendees to check if they wish to be added to the email list. John Miller seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>Mark Dubin, Director of Advocacy for the Center for Independent Living (CIL) stated it is challenging for the CIL to work collaboratively with CODI or for the public to become involved with CODI if the website has not been updated. He noted the CODI website is miamidade.gov/CODI.</p>
	Information Items	<p>1. Marlins Ballpark</p> <p>STS Drop-off/Pick-up Points</p> <p>Jackson David advised that the CODI Access Committee met with the Claude Delorme and other Marlins organization staff regarding the FM radio signal and the STS pick-up/drop-off points at Marlins Park. They will be working together to resolve these issues over the next few weeks. Mr. David said that CODI members will be making an appointment to go to Marlins Park regarding the STS stop issue.</p> <p>Mr. Granda raised concerns regarding the two separate STS locations (one for drop-off, one for pick-up) and the possibility of merging those into one location. Mr. Delorme confirmed that a single stop is possible.</p> <p>John Miller expressed concerns about the distance of the stops from the ballpark and the lack of shelter, should STS users need to wait for their pick-ups. In addition, the new location is problematic as it has three potential exits and an escalator. Mr. Miller stated that he has invited the Miami Lighthouse mobility specialist and some members of CODI to come to Marlins Park and evaluate this issue more closely.</p> <p>Ms. Johnson-Wright also noted that Wayne Meyer, ADA Consultant to the Marlins, is preparing a Disability Services Guide. It will be posted on the Marlins' website.</p>
	Committee Summary Updates	<p>a. Access Committee - Elections Accessibility Issues During Elections</p> <p>Jackson David, Access Committee Chair, stated that the committee had a meeting on</p>

		<p>7/19/12 with John Mendez, Deputy Supervisor of Elections, Warehouse & Logistics, Elections Department. The discussion included the issue of ASL services for the deaf community and accessibility of voting stations, including the path of travel from the closest bus stop. Mr. Mendez stated that the Elections Department has surveyed all the polling stations for barriers. Many locations have undergone permanent barrier remediation. Others are made accessible for elections via temporary measures. Mr. David expressed concern about the path of travel. The resolution of these issues is pending from the Elections Department.</p>
	<p>Committee Summary Updates</p>	<p>Elections Accessibility Issues During Elections (cont.)</p> <p>Mark Dubin stated the early voting starts on 8/4/12 and it would be helpful to know which voting places are not accessible in order for people with disabilities to utilize the accessible polling places. He raised concerns that there will be people with disabilities assigned to specific polling places during the 8/16/12 election that will be disenfranchised.</p> <p>Ms. Johnson-Wright stated that Mr. Mendez, Elections Department advised the Committee that all early voting sites are accessible and all precincts that are used are accessible, either via permanent or temporary measures.</p> <p>A discussion ensued regarding the issue of the availability of accessible restrooms at polling stations. Ms. Johnson-Wright clarified that the voting station restrooms are not considered part of the area used to enter and vote. Mr. Dubin said that if any polling place restrooms remained non-compliant, Miami-Dade County would be in violation of the ADA.</p> <p>Jose Granda raised the issue of the County providing interpreters for the deaf during the Election. He added that if interpreters are not provided, at a minimum, paper and a pen should be made available. Additionally, this information should be televised on the news in sign language before voting begins, advising people to access the County website.</p> <p>Jackson David stated that he will prepare the letter by the next CODI Access Committee meeting. John Miller cautioned CODI to address issues such as these earlier in the elections cycle.</p> <p>A motion was made by Harry Horgan that CODI send a letter to the Miami-Dade County, Elections Department with recommendations to regarding access at polling places, including the path of travel and polling place restrooms, and the issue of interpreters for the deaf community being provided during voting at the polling stations. Jackson David seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimous.</p>
		<p>b. Access Committee - Haulover Beach</p> <p>Jackson David updated CODI on the Haulover Beach parking issue. A decision was made by the County to go forward with the tunnel project. However, the 15 parking spaces on north side will not be constructed at this time, due to the budget restraints. Additionally, the ramp for the tunnel will be a longer, more gradually sloping ramp.</p>

	Committee Summary Updates	<p>c. Outreach Committee</p> <p>Harry Horgan, Outreach/Education Chair stated that the Committee met to review its goals to promote CODI, the work of the community and the abilities of people with disabilities. One of these goals is it to establish regular communication with ADA Coordinators and other organizations throughout Miami-Dade County. Chairman Martinez recently presented an award at the Shake a Leg, Miami Family Day function to Frank Balzabre for his work on behalf of people with disabilities. The ADA Coordinators were invited to this function through coordination with Ms. Johnson-Wright.</p> <p>A discussion ensued regarding the issues that are the responsibility of ADA coordinators. Heidi Johnson-Wright advised that most municipalities do not have full-time dedicated ADA Coordinators. A concern was raised regarding the challenge of finding the appropriate ADA Coordinators by City, once a complaint has been made regarding compliance, as the information is not readily available.</p> <p>Ms. Johnson-Wright briefly discussed the County's ADA Grievance Procedure. She stated that many ADA-related issues are addressed on an informal basis. The majority of the inquiries she receives from the general public concern parking or housing accessibility issues unrelated to the functions of Miami-Dade County government.</p> <p>Jackson David and Chairman Martinez requested the Ms. Johnson-Wright provide the Outreach Committee with a copy of the table she keeps regarding inquiries/complaints from the general public.</p>
	Action Items	<p>a. Public Housing - Draft Consolidated Plan for FY 20120-2017</p> <p>Rick Glasgow, HCD Housing Manager, addressed CODI regarding HCD's Draft Consolidated Plan for FY 2013-2017. He noted that the plan went before the EDSS Committee 7/11/12 and was forwarded with recommendations to the full BCC on 9/4/12. Any additional issues regarding the plan can be sent by e-mail and will be an added document attached to the Consolidated Plan.</p> <p>Mr. Glasgow said that the Committee makes no recommendations to the full BCC Board until the public hearing on 9/4/121.</p> <p>A discussion ensued with John Miller, Marilyn Larrieu, and Mark Dubin inquiring if the nine CODI recommendations were included in the Consolidated Plan that was submitted to the EDSS Committee. Mr. Glasgow stated that the Consolidated Plan submitted to the EDSS Commission included three pages with issues related to the disabled community. CODI members requested a copy of the submission which Mr. Glasgow advised he had previously sent.</p>
		<p>Adjournment: 4:05 est</p> <p>Next CODI Meeting is Wednesday, August 22, 2012</p>